In the Claims:

- 1.(Currently Amended) A cutting tool for belts, comprising:
- a zigzag cutting structure having at least three cutting edges,

wherein the cutting edges are cross cutters and respectively two adjacent and transverse cutting edges are joined at a common end.

- 2. (Original) The cutting tool according to claim 1, wherein the cutting structure is formed by a plurality of cutting plates, each cutting edge being formed on a single cutting plate.
 - 3. (Canceled).
- 4. (Original) The cutting tool according to claim 1, wherein each cutting edge is formed by an intersection of at least two asymmetrical cutting edge surfaces.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The cutting tool according to claim 4, wherein the cutting edge surfaces formed at the <u>a</u> respective cutting edge <u>disposed between an intersection of</u> at least two asymmetrical cutting edge surfaces are arranged symmetrical to one another.
- 6. (Original) The cutting tool according to claim 5, wherein the cutting edge surfaces at the respective cutting edge are arranged axially symmetrical to one another.

- 7. (Currently Amended) The cutting tool according to claim 1, wherein <u>one of</u> the cutting <u>edge</u> edges is arranged symmetrical to the <u>an</u> adjacent cutting edge.
- 8. (Original) The cutting tool according to claim 6, wherein the cutting edge is arranged mirror symmetrical to the adjacent cutting edge.
- 9. (Original) The cutting tool according to claim 2, wherein the cutting structure is formed by two types of cutting plates.
- 10. (Original) The cutting tool according to claim 2, wherein the cutting plate is arranged mirror symmetrical to the adjacent cutting plate.
- 11. (Withdrawn) The cutting tool according to claim 1, wherein the cutting edges are hardened.
- 12. (Withdrawn) The cutting tool according to claim 1, wherein the cutting structure is metal.
- 13. (Withdrawn) The cutting tool according to claim 10, wherein the metal is steel.
- 14. (Withdrawn) A method for cutting belts which comprises utilizing the cutting tool of claim 1.